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Applicants: Ryo KAWAHARA, et al.

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For: OPTICAL AMPLIFYING METHOD, OPTICAL AMPLIFYING APPARATUS, AND OPTICAL

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Group Art Unit: 2873

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